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SUBJECT: INSPECTION OF FRG COMMERCIAL PROGRAM

REF: A) BONN 16854; B) STATE 239779

1. THE DEPARTMENT APPRECIATES THE DIFFICULTIES IN PREPARING THE SUBJECT STUDY MENTIONED IN YOUR REFTEL. THERE IS, HOWEVER, AN URGENT NEED TO OBTAIN YOUR VIEWS SINCE STATE AND COMMERCE ARE NOW ENGAGED IN A REVIEW OF STATE FUNDED COMMERCIAL STAFFING ABROAD WITH A VIEW TO THE POSSIBLE REPROGRAMMING OF COMMERCIAL POSITIONS. THIS EXERCISE, WHICH M HAS ASKED EB TO CARRY OUT, WILL BE COMPLETED WITHIN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS WITH THE COOPERATION OF ALL THE REGIONAL BUREAUS. THE FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS TO BE MADE TO M WILL TAKE INTO FULL CONSIDERATION ALL PERTINENT INSPECTION REPORTS. FOR THIS REASON, WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE COMMERCIAL PROGRAM IN THE FRG IF BONN WERE TO SUBMIT THE STUDY RECOMMENDED BY THE MOST UNCLASSIFIED

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RECENT INSPECTION OF THE FRG PRIOR TO THE COMPLETION OF THE STATE-COMMERCE REVIEW.

2. WITH REGARD TO PARA. 3 OF YOUR REFTEL, WE SUGGEST THAT YOU DEVELOP TWO PROPOSALS BASED ON CURRENT ZERO BASE BUDGET

CRITERIA, NAMELY A THEORETICAL 15 PER CENT REDUCTION AND

5 PER CENT REDUCTION IN STATE-FUNDED PERSONNEL RESOURCES
DEVOTED TO THE COMMERCIAL FUNCTION, INCLUDING FSL POSITIONS.
IN OTHER WORDS, HOW WOULD YOU PROPOSE TO RESTRUCTURE COM-
MERCIAL OPERATIONS IN THE FRG IF YOUR RESOURCES WERE RE-
DUCED BY 15 PER CENT AND 5 PER CENT. VANCE

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